



# VILLAGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE

**Press Release**

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**Lincolnshire Awards 2019 Officer of the Year**

**(LINCOLNSHIRE, ILL.)** The Lincolnshire Police Department named Detective Kimberly Rafalowicz as the 2019 Officer of the Year on May 14.

“Detective Rafalowicz is truly a dedicated professional who works tirelessly for the Lincolnshire community,” Joseph Leonas, chief of police, said.

Rafalowicz began her career in 2017 as a patrol officer and then transferred to the detective division in the fall of 2018. In 2019, Detective Rafalowicz was instrumental in the apprehension of two individuals involved in an armed robbery.

In addition to her Lincolnshire cases, Detective Rafalowicz is assigned to two specialized task forces requiring her to prioritize and balance a number of responsibilities, which she does seamlessly. Last year, she was the feature presenter at a number of community events and spoke on topics such as identity theft, ruse burglaries, and crimes specific to elderly individuals.

Aside from her work as an investigator, Detective Rafalowicz conducts the yearly coordination of the department’s volunteer Cops and Kids holiday program with the Vernon Hills Police Department.

This is Detective Rafalowicz’s second year in a row receiving a nomination for Officer of the Year. She was nominated this year by two colleagues.

This prestigious award was presented in conjunction with National Police Week. National Police Week honors the service and sacrifice of local, state, and federal law enforcement officers.

The Village of Lincolnshire, 1957, is a northern suburb of Chicago and is conveniently adjacent to the Tri-State Tollway. Lincolnshire is home to 7,300 residents, two nationally-recognized public school districts, and over 400 businesses – a number of which are global headquarters and Fortune 500 companies.

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Enclosed: Photo of Detective Rafalowicz